

NROTC and Merit Scholarship Candidates Reach Finals in Their Competitions

Valuable Scholarships Reward Winners in National Contests



Photo by Eddie White

MBA contenders in scholarship competition are from left: front row—Rollin Lasseter, Ransom White, Brad Reed, Jim Wood; second row—Russ Hooper, Doug Conwell, Courtney Marshall, Gene Shelton, Wade Elam. Absent when the picture was made—George Sloan.

Four Named Finalists In Merit Competition

Four boys from MBA were chosen as finalists in the National Merit Scholarship competition for four-year college awards. The four, Rollin Lasseter, Brad Reed, Ransom White, and James Wood, were among the 7,500 picked from the 162,000 high school seniors in the country who took the tests given on October 24.

The National Merit Scholarship Program is a nationwide search for high school seniors who can best profit from a college education. Five hundred four-year scholarships will be awarded to the most able of these students, the amount depending on their financial need. A supplementary board-of-education grant is made to the colleges and universities they attend.

Winners are selected on the basis of aptitude for college work, as shown by scores on the two nationwide aptitude tests, school achievements, character, and leadership qualities.

The scholarship may be used in any accredited college or university in the nation for any program of study leading to a bachelor's degree. At least one scholarship will be awarded in every state.

The final tests for the approximately 500 scholarships available were given January 12. Following the finals (a three-hour college board examination on English and math aptitude) the leadership, and extra-curricular records of the finalists will be screened by a selection board before the announcement of the winners on or about April 25.

In case they are named winners of the scholarship, Rollin has chosen to study at Vanderbilt University, Brad at Duke University, Ransom at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and James at Princeton.

Calendar

February 25-March 2
Varsity Basketball Tournament
March 5
Junior-Senior Speech Contest
March 8
First 6-Week Period Ends
March 25-29
Spring Holidays
March 30
Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League
April 4
Hi-Y Youth in Government
April 4, 5, 6
Key Club Convention
April 19
MBA Auxiliary Meeting
April 19
Second 6-Week Period Ends
April 25, 26, 27
Golf (Southern Prep Tournament)
April 27
Tennis (Southern Prep Tournament)
April 27
Mid-South Forensics
May 31
Third 6-Week Period Ends
June 1
Graduation

MBA Seniors Try For NROTC Program

In the recent NROTC examinations, MBA students ranked high in percentage of passing grades made by the participants. The examinations, similar in form and scope to those of the College Entrance Examination Board, were exceptionally difficult and comprehensive. It was said by the Navy Department that the tests showed not the amount of midnight cramming, but the accumulated knowledge of the individual involved.

As is stated in the NROTC Bulletin for 1957: "The U. S. Navy and the U. S. Marine Corps obtain most of their officers from two sources, the Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, and the Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps Units which are established in 52 of the leading colleges and universities throughout the United States."

The program is explained as: "The Navy offers financial assistance to selected candidates who possess a sincere interest in becoming career officers of the regular Navy or Marine Corps. The Regular NROTC Program provides not more than four years of Navy-subsidized education in one of 52 designated colleges and universities. Students are appointed Midshipman, Naval Reserve upon enrollment, and receive retainer pay at the rate of \$50 per month to assist in defraying such expenses as board and room. The government pays tuition, the cost of textbooks, and other fees of an instructional nature."

"Upon graduation newly commissioned officers will be ordered to active duty with the fleet."

The second step in the elimination process is the thorough physical examination given to candidates with passing grades on the mental tests. MBA boys present at the U. S. Courthouse for this physical were Russell Hooper, Courtney Marshall, Rollin Lasseter, Wade Elam, Jim Wood, Doug Conwell, George Sloan, and Gene Shelton.

Final reports will be published in the latter part of March.

Twenty-Two Seniors Entertained by Navy in Memphis

Four navy planes, conveying the boys to Memphis, left Berry Field in Nashville soon after the arrival of one of the group who had been left behind by his "ride" to the field. The air trip was very eventful as each of the boys had a turn at the controls. Up, down, right, and left the big ships moved under the MBA guidance. Those not at the wheel found it most fun to chase their stomachs through the rocking cabin.

Landing with no casualties at Camp Millington were Robin Beard, Rollin Lasseter, Caleb Wallwork, Courtney Marshall, Jim Wood, John Brothers, Ronnie Grubbs, Bowyer Cheshire, Tommy Barksdale, Doug Conwell, Don Brothers, Allen Bryan, Gene Shelton, Bill Lightfoot, Billy Hunter, Charlie Herbert, Wade Elam, Carl

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Tommy Sloan and Frank Crowell Win Freshman-Sophomore Speech Contest

On Friday, January 18, the Freshman-Sophomore Declamation Contest, under the direction of Mrs. Norton Campbell, was held in morning assembly. The boys participating in the contest were Richard Appen, Lionel Barrett, Billy Carothers, Chuck Chumbley, Frankie Crowell, Garth Fort, Jackie Hooper, Don Houser, Tommy Sloan, and Billy Wood.

Following Chuck Chumbley's closing speech, the ballots of the teachers and of the Forensic Club members were taken up and counted. The winner and runner-up in a close contest between several outstanding speakers were Tommy Sloan and Frank Crowell, respectively. Tommy, along with the winners of the junior school contest and the junior-senior contest, will have the honor of speaking at Commencement exercises June 1.

Congratulations are in order, certainly, for Tommy and Frank, but also for all the boys who participated in the contest. For some, it was the first time they had spoken before an audience, but they all, nevertheless, did a very commendable job.

'Youth In Government' Affairs Interest of Hi-Y Clubbers

The Hi-Y "Youth in Government" convention, which proved to be a success last year, is scheduled to meet in Nashville the first week in April. Delegates from all over Tennessee will be present at the state capitol building when the convention begins. Ten MBA boys to be selected at a future date will participate in the activities. The delegates will have the opportunity of debating and voting on bills proposed by their colleagues.

On Friday, April 4, the assembled delegates will be separated into the Senate and House of Representatives where they will conduct a "mock" legislative session for the next two days with each club presenting two bills. These bills will be voted on by a committee and then presented to the floor of either the Senate or the House. For a bill to pass, it must be approved in both the Senate and House and be signed by the youth governor. Sessions of the Senate and the House will be continued Saturday until four o'clock when the convention will dismiss.

Hoffer, Russell Hooper, Wylie McDougall, Jeff Edwards, Clay Huddleston, Jodie Wallace, Jimmy Thurman, and Ransom White.

First the boys were taken to the film room of one of the technical schools where they were told the purpose of the trip by Commander Bauer, their guide, host, and "weekend father." Lunch at the Service Center was followed by movies and a thorough explanation of the Navy's "Weekend Warriors" program. All the officer training programs were then discussed and information literature was distributed.

After supper the group was given liberty until 7:45 the next morning. This was the chance to see and explore the beautiful gymnasium and swimming pool

New Seventh Grade Planned to Accommodate Stepped-Up Enrollment

The next school year will see the first step in the school's enlargement program. The school has announced the formation of a second Seventh Grade Class in its Junior School. Due to the excessive demand for admission to the school, the administration has decided to hire a new teacher to assume the responsibilities of instructing twenty additional youths.

The present organization of the Junior School will probably be changed to accommodate the increased enrollment. Department set-up will be the system as the three teachers will divide the classes of three grades among themselves. In the second year of this plan, there would be two sections of the eighth grade as well as two sections of the seventh grade; thereby increasing the enrollment 40 boys and bringing the total enrollment at MBA to 275 within the next two years. Eventually the school's enrollment will be 300; therefore, we may assume this increase to indicate a quick completion of our expansion program.

Key Club Fills Membership, Plans Convention

Membership in the Key Club is very select. Only sophomores, juniors, and seniors whose grades are in the top third of their class are eligible to become members. These boys are voted on by the members of the Key Club and are then approved by Dr. R. J. Sager. The present members are seniors: Jodie Wallace, Brad Reed, Emmett Dostier, Wade Elam, Rollin Lasseter, John Brothers, Jeff Edwards, Russell Hooper, Bob Marks, Ransom White, George Sloan, Walter Bearden; juniors: George McGugin, Ed Creagh, Tommy Murphree, Bill Barr, Dick Williams, Jimmy Knight, Edgar Uden, Alan Purdy, John Carpenter; and sophomores: Eddie Murray, John Clay, Carl Babb and Richard Appen.

On Monday, February 18, the Key Club officers from each club in the city met with a special group of Kiwanis Club members to discuss plans for the coming year. The Kiwanis Club offered to help the Key Club obtain more interesting programs and promised to work closer with all the clubs in the city. Mr. J. A. Ambrose, Jr. has been appointed Kiwanian advisor to the MBA club.

This year the Key Club convention will be held in Knoxville, April 4, 5, 6. Jodie Wallace, president of the MBA chapter, and Brad Reed, lieutenant-governor of the district Key Clubs, will be among the MBA boys journeying to Knoxville.

that are on the base. After a basketball game or handball matches the group caught buses into Memphis to view the scenic wonders of the big city.

Sunday morning at 6:00 was light-up time as all the lights in the barracks came on at once. Cleanup projects were then the goal of all before going to brunch. After this meal a tour of the base held everyone's attention. They visited the technical schools, the ordnance shops, the maintenance hangars and the food. Dinner and then aboard the planes was the last of the schedule, and everyone slept or dozed on the very smooth trip home. Most important was the favorable impression everyone received of the Navy itself, its training programs, and its officers.

Fifty-Six Boys Qualify for National Honor Society

The names of the new boys who have qualified for the National Honor Societies were announced last week. The qualifications for the Senior Honor Society are that the student must have for a period of two and a half years an average of 85 for each year, with no class below 80. The boys who have won this honor are:

New members: Bill Barr, John Carpenter, Ed Creagh, Tony Edmonds, Kent Hamilton, Jimmy Knight, Bob Marks, Ben Mayes, George McGugin, Tommy Murphree, Ira Parker, Alan Purdy, Tommy Roberts, Robert Stanley, Edgar Uden, David Waller, Albert Wheeler, and Robert White.

Old members: Tommy Barksdale, Walter Bearden, John Brothers, Tony Brush, John Campbell, Jeff Edwards, Wade Elam, Russell Hooper, Rollin Lasseter, Brad Reed, George Sloan, Jimmy Thurman, Jodie Wallace, Caleb Wallwork, Ransom White, and Jim Wood.

The qualifications for the Junior Honor Society are the same as these for the Senior Society but for only a one and a half year period. These boys are as follows: New members: Bill Campbell, Edick Daniel, Bob Evans, Ray Francis, Walter Hale, Coleman Harwell, Frank Hutchison, Bill Shwab, Tony Todd, Buddy Vaughn, David Walker, Steve Ward, Chris Williams, Pat Wilson.

Old members: Jimmy Kilbreth, Willie Hardison, Jeff Williams, Alex Porter, and Larry Davis. These boys are to be commended for the fine work they have done to attain this honor. Many of them had averages far above the required 85 mark. One of the high-ranking seniors, James Wood, made such a high grade on the Merit scholarship test that he has qualified as a finalist for a National Honor Society scholarship in addition. Therefore it becomes evident that the high grades of these boys will help them in applying for scholarships.

Maroon Athletes Honored At Banquet of Champions

MBA gave its share of champions to the thirteenth annual Banquet of Champions sponsored by the Nashville Banner Wednesday night, February 6. The banquet honored sports achievements by performers in the Nashville Interscholastic League and throughout the state. When the championship trophies were presented, MBA was represented by three championship teams out of six in NIL competition. The football, track, and tennis teams from Maroonland were honored as champs of the 1956 season. All-City footballers were feted, and Cohn's Tommy Wells was presented the NIL "Most Valuable Player" award.

Almost 400 coaches, players, and sportswriters enjoyed a fine dinner, and entertainment was provided by the "Sports" quartet from Madison and vocalist Nick Dean. Honor guests included All-American Johnny Majors and Coach-of-the-year Bowen Wyatt of Tennessee; former MBA athlete Bill Wade, now with the Los Angeles Rams; and "Birdie" Tebbetts of the Cincinnati Redlegs.

The Rebel Yells

After the terrible, crushing blow of exams has subsided, congratulations are in order for all the boys who did well. Especially phenomenal grades were registered by Dick Barry, who has an overall average of 99 in all his examination grades. Congratulations are also in order for the Eighth Grade Class which, as a whole, had an overall average of 90.5.

Doctors and students alike are amazed as John Muse continues to grow. John now stands 6 ft. 6 inches and weighs 280 pounds.

The successor to Elvis has been found at last. Although his voice has not matured yet, Bobby Harrison has the long silky ducks to make him a dead ringer for Elvis.

Around school many likes and dislikes have been expressed for the new calypso song, "Mary Ann," however, Robin Beard always seems to get the best word in. How about it, Robin?

Although many boys neglect to use the library, the Eighth Grade has found it very interesting and educational as they have read over one hundred books from it this semester.

Congratulations to all the boys who participated in the Freshman-Sophomore Declamation Contest. This year the sophomores dominated the contest by having ten participants. They included Richard Appen, Lionel Barrett, Jr., Billy Carothers, Chuck Chumbley, Frankie Crowell, Garth Fort, Jackie Hooper, Don Houser, Tommy Sloan and Billy Wood. Tommy Sloan was chosen as the outstanding speaker and will give his speech at June commencement. Frankie Crowell ranked second. Mrs. Campbell is to be congratulated also for her fine work with these boys.

Jeff Edwards has turned his yard into an aviary for robins traveling south.

Among the boys at school several have developed the skill of boxing. Chris Christian is boxing for the Police Department's team, and Eddie Murray has waged his own private war against Cohn.

As the hunting season closes, many MBA students are reminded of happy hours in the field and on the water. Among these boys is Wylie McDougall, who went to Stuttgart, Arkansas, hunting ducks. With his father, his uncle,

his brother, and a guide, Wylie spent two days of successful hunting in rice fields and on reservoirs. Wirt McKnight is still bragging of his trip to Timber Ridge where he shot three raccoons and an opossum. Runcie Clements claims that his pheasant hunting trip to Pleasant Ridge, Kentucky, with his father and uncle was one of his most exciting trips of the year. Our champion nirod of the season is John Ball, having killed one deer and 54 ducks. Although this year's season is over, the memories and happenings experienced by many boys will last them till next year.

George McGugin declared recently that lettering was a necessity for him. He either got a jacket or froze to death.

Hardluck case of the year goes to Ransom White. Within the last two years Ransom has broken his jaw, his finger, his nose, cracked his vertebrae, been denied an insurance policy, been in two wrecks, and the most crushing of all defeats, made less than 100 on his French II exam.

The mystery of who moved the jukebox into Mr. Younger's room was finally solved when Lynn Greer confessed.

While on the subject of music, let us not forget versatile Tommy Murphree, who has proved his prowess on the dance floor as well as the football field in some of the jam sessions at the Paddock Room.

Best of luck to Clay Huddleston, Don Brothers, Gene Shelton, Jeff Edwards, Bill Parish, and Tony Brush, who are in Chaos, and also to Frankie Crowell, who has been acting at the Circle Theater.

The Senior Class, feeling their reputation for parties slipping away since last year, are hosting their first blast of the year at Russ Hooper's. Everyone will make his way to the Hooper's at 8 o'clock Saturday for four hours of bopping away the blues. The cool cats of the Senior Class really dig these parties; after all, practice makes perfect.

The freshmen, following the senior's example, are having a party March 9 at Bobby Frist's house. Willie Hardison, Jimmy Cheshire, Bobby Frist, and others are making big plans.

A big yell for John Clay and Dick Husband, who made the JV all-tournament team.

Parade of Cars

It has been said that the average teenager spends his time in two places: in his car and not in his car. The MBA student is no exception. At MBA there is a great variety of cars. If the cars of MBA students were put in a parade, the lead car would certainly be Russ Hooper's Continental. Following close behind would be the '57 Fords of Ben McDermott, Went Caldwell, and Jack Hall, and the '57 Chevrolet of Jack Oman. The middle of the parade would be held by the "rods" of Don Steinbaugh and Don Brothers. As the end nears, the pride of the McGugin family, the old '31 Chevy can be found, accompanied by Wylie McDougall's incomparable "Black Fly," the masterpiece of modern conveniences. Last and probably least would be Charlie's Ford. This splendid specimen is accentuated by two-tone colors (green and rust), contrasting tires (two white side walls, two black side walls), and a powerful motor (it wobbles at twenty, gets the shakes at thirty and falls apart at forty). Not surprisingly though, each car, from first to last, from best to worst, is loved by its owner like a brother.

Inquiring Reporter

Each year at MBA the problem caused by the students' driving present quite a headache for the administration. This year, at the suggestion of Dr. Sager, the BELL RINGER has decided to ask several students the question: "What suggestions do you have to make about the traffic and parking problem at MBA?" Some of the answers are extremely interesting.

ALAN PURDY—First the whole parking area should be paved. Then spaces should be marked off corresponding to the approximate number of cars at MBA.

ROGER PEEK—Fill up the holes.

EDDIE BENSON—Do away with cars.

JIMMY WOODWARD—Build a shed on Montgomery Bell Avenue for the boys without cars to wait for their parents.

JACK OMAN—Have a bigger parking area; have students cooperate with parents.

JEFF EDWARDS—Everything will be fine after the gym is built and all the mess gets cleared up.

ALBERT LITTLETON—Let the road that comes into the parking lot from Montgomery Bell Avenue be used only for entering the lot.

BILL PARISH—Build a larger parking lot and widen the roads.

RICHARD APPEN—Have a student police force to direct traffic.

ROBERT STANLEY—Hire a bus to take everyone home.

DARRELL RICE—Lanes in the driveway should be clearly defined to prevent confusion.

GEORGE MCGUGIN—Let the students who drive cars leave 15 minutes early.

TONY EDMONDS—Provide parking space on top of the new gymnasium.

Suggestions on How to Get Along with Your Teachers

By George Sloan

Getting along with teachers means more than politeness, studying, and "apple polishing." It means gearing your job to the teachers' for greater efficiency. At the same time you benefit; they do also. In my opinion the following six rules should be followed by all students who wish to get along with their teachers and to obtain the most from their studies.

First, respect teachers' authority. Do not challenge their rights to tell you what to do or to pass judgment on what you have done. That is their job. Argue all you want before a decision has been reached, but not afterward. Remember, they deal with a much bigger picture than you do, and they are responsible to others for what you do.

Second, find out how a teacher likes to be consulted. There are different methods of appealing to different teachers. Some like you to come in casually at anytime;

A Parable of the Desk Weevil

After the ringing of the bell for class, there entereth into the room the much beloved Desk Weevil. He sitteth himself down at his desk, verily, his classroom desk. Removing from his pocket a knife, honed sharp for use, he cutteth his initials upon the surface of the desk.

Now by chance, there passed his way a test which required of him to place only two sheets of paper upon this desk. Immediately his pencil, running over the carved and scratched surface, braketh through the papereth. "Odds Bodkins!" crieth our friend the Desk Weevil. "This school needeth new desks."

The Desk Weevil, our tale's constant hero, cometh from the cafeteria out into the campus. He eateth upon a grape popcyleth and consumeth it at leisure. His friends cometh also from the cafeteria, eating upon candy bars. When they have met, encircling one of the ever-present mudpuddles, they rippeth the papereth from their foodstuffs. Ah, what a problem! No waste-can within five yards! They all droppeth their papereth in the mudpuddleth, except the desk weevil; he, being the most sensitive of beedleth, taketh his paper between two fingers and droppeth it down within the middle of the other papers. Later he cometh back upon the scene, and seeing the soggy papers peeping from the brown water, he exclaimeth, "The boys at this school are so destructive; the campus is being ruined by them."

ALUMNI NEWS

By Bill Wade

MBA Alumni are working hard and digging deep to complete the Building Fund which will provide the new Brownlee Curry Gymnasium and several more classrooms.

An original mark of \$200,000 was the goal, however, the latest estimate has reached \$300,000; consequently, more money must be raised to further improve our campus. Mr. Sloan, Dr. Frist and Mr. Crichton have directed the current drive, and each have spent many valuable hours in behalf of the school.

Recently, an MBA Alumni Association was formed by Mr. Tom Sneed, Mr. Howard Butler and Dr. Charles Pearson. Although this association is not designed to raise money it indicates the real interest which Alumni have generated in the active support of Montgomery Bell Academy.

Officers of the MBA Alumni Association are Dr. Charles F. Pearson, president; John A. Ball, secretary and John S. Glenn, Jr., treasurer.

Vice presidents are Nelson Andrews, Zach Coles, Charles Moss, Thomas L. Sneed and William J. Wade, Jr.

On the board of directors are Pat F. Skelly, Paul Stumb, Haggard Oldham, Cohen Williams, Jr., Brig. Gen. Howard Butler, Morton Howell, Frank L. Cherry, Jr., Elmer Davies, Jr., Alfred Adams, Jr., and Lipscomb Davis, Jr.

Wednesday night, February 13, approximately 125 alumni and wives, or dates, met in the MBA cafeteria for coffee. Coach Owen showed pictures of the MBA-Litton game and Bill Colton arranged "Bingo" for the ladies present. Classes between 1945 and 1951 were present and a good time was had by all.

English Work Spotlighted

Some of the most treasured experiences a person can have are often obtained through the reading of books. Realizing this fact, Mrs. Bitzer has offered the junior and senior English classes the opportunity to do some optional reading during the next two months. She feels that this additional outside reading will improve each boy's vocabulary and will particularly aid the seniors who are preparing for the College Entrance Board Examinations.

There were a number of fine term papers written by the juniors this year. Among the more outstanding were John Carpenter's "Psychosomatic Medicine," Fred Wright's "Public versus Private Schools," Tommy Murphree's "The Effects of Heredity and Environment on the Life of Man," Darrell Rice's "Recent Developments in Rocketry," Ed Creagh's "A Crisis at Suez," Kent Hamilton's "Space Travel, Is It Possible?," Ira Parker's "The American Educational Problem," Alan Purdy's "The Development of Jazz," Tony Edmond's "Integration—A Social Problem To Be Solved by Your Generation," and Bill Barr's "A Growing Conception of God."

Mrs. Bitzer noted especially the maturity of thinking that was exemplified in some of the papers. For example, Bill Barr in his paper made a nice contrast showing that in ancient times, people thought of God as a King possessing great power, whereas, today we think of God as a merciful, just Father, as shown in the New Testament. Writing a term paper is a valuable experience, and those who worked hard and turned in good papers know the satisfaction of a job well done.

Member that a teacher will appreciate most of all the things that come from within you. Above all else, be sincere in your relationship.

Equally important to the above, be business like. Let the teacher set the tone of formality or informality. The point of order in the classroom should not be overstepped.

Finally, do your job to the very best of your ability. Basically, of course, this is the fundamental way to please your teachers. The more effort you put into your course the more you get out of it. As a result of your success, the teacher succeeds; and you both enjoy a happy relationship.

Knowing the above rules is not enough. We have teachers ready to teach and befriend us; nevertheless, we must do our part and apply the rules. As John Masefield so ably stated: "The good Lord sends the fishing, but you must dig the bait."

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Maroons Hold Own Tournament Chances: Coach

Tournament Play Begins February 25

It's cage tournament time in the NIL and many fans are looking for that hot team to upset the top-seeded West Blue Jays in the 16th District. The heavy question among MBA supporters is "what are the Maroon chances in the tournament?" Coach Owen has stated emphatically that the Big Red can go "as far as the boys want to." Hume Fogg looms as a dark horse, and the Howard Rebels can always cause trouble—as many cage followers remember from past tourney encounters. There may be favorites in the tournaments, but when such a fine aggregation of NIL teams play under tournament pressure, anything can happen!

The JV, Frosh, and Microbe teams have already been in action. The JV upset West, 49-42, in the first round of the 16th District JV tournament, only to lose to Cohn, 55-48, in the semifinals. In the consolation game, third place went to Lipscomb as they defeated the Maroons, 63-50.

In the Microbes' round-robin tournament, they won the first game over BGA by default, lost to Lipscomb, 29-17, in the second round, then edged Peabody, 26-25.

The freshman team is to play in a tournament early in March.

SPRING HIGH LIGHTS

GOLF—Coach Sager expects his 1957 golf team to be one of the finest teams ever assembled at MBA. Buddy Foxall, who made a brilliant showing in the 1956 State Tournament at Shelby, returns to the team this year after a season of ineligibility. Along with him will be the backbone of last year's team: Senior Russell Hooper, Sophomore George Creagh, and Junior George McGugin. Hoping to crash this "fabulous foursome" are Randy Barker, also a 1956 letterman, Ben Mayes, Jackie Hooper, and Tommy Barksdale.

TRACK—Before long, one will be seeing sweat-soaked figures endlessly trotting around the football field. This, of course, can mean only one thing—track season is near. The Big Red tracksters have won three straight Banner Relay meets, and Coach Owen is looking forward to another fine season this spring. Returning lettermen include dashmen Jim Thurman, Billy Hunter and David Duke; milers Ransom White, and Tommy Murphree; shotputter Tom Husband; and discus and broad jumper Courtney Marshall. Lost through graduation in 1956 were such stars as Brown, Rolfe, Hurt, Boyd and others. Competition is hot this year for the hurdles, middle-distance races, and the high jump.

TENNIS—With twelve consecutive city titles already under his belt, Coach Rule hopes for a "lucky 13th" this year. Mr. Rule has always had the advantage over other schools in that he is supplied with the "cream of the crop" in junior tennis stars. Battling for the first six positions on the team will be Eddie Murray, Wylie McDougall, Brad Reed, Runcie Clements, Buddy Cole, Ed Herbert, Carl Hoffer and Johnny Campbell. Since Tommy Frist was the only regular missing from that great team of 1956, it looks as if the Maroon netmen will cop their 13th title this year.

BASEBALL—Coach Barker takes the reins for this year's baseball team, and anyone will agree that he has plenty of talented material with which to mold a top-notch club. With such greats as fireballer Billy Gerald, fence buster Tom Husband, and John Dale, Coach Barker can expect his club to be among the tops in the NIL.



Goal defense is set against West by John Dale, Buddy Foxall, Jodie Wallace, and David Duke. Cut courtesy of NASHVILLE BANNER

Varsity Basketball Games Summarized as Season Closes

MBA 45—Clarksville 43. Maroons took the opener in a brilliant showing after only four days of practice. Marshall and Hunter led the way with 10 points each.

MBA 33—T.P.S. 31. Marshall and Wallace hit for ten points each as the Big Red won on a hard defensive battle with the Bronco Busters.

Howard 62—MBA 47. MBA tasted their first athletic defeat of the school year when the Rebels from Howard bowled them over. Marshall was tops for MBA with 11 points.

MBA 55—Cohn 36. Led by Courtney Marshall with 12 points, MBA ran over the Cohn Tigers for their 3rd win of the season.

MBA 48—Ryan 46. In the last minutes the Maroons pulled out a close one and trimmed the Panthers by two points in the loser's gym.

West 59—MBA 42. The high-flying West Blue Jays handed the Big Red their second defeat of the season. Creagh and Marshall paced the Maroons with nine points each.

West 74—MBA 62. Wallace chunked in 17 points and Creagh hit for 11, but MBA went down in defeat again. West had a hot

55.9 per cent field goal average in the last half.

MBA 67—Lipscomb 61. With a sparkling shooting array MBA clipped David Lipscomb. Foxall heated the nets with 16 points, followed by Hunter with 14.

MBA 63—North 45. Paced by the hot shooting of Wallace (14), Dale (13), and Hunter (13), MBA trounced the Yankees by 18 points.

MBA 56—Peabody 55. In a sea-saw last half the Maroons chilled Peabody's upset hopes for their seventh win of the season.

Cohn 54—MBA 45. Revengeful over an earlier defeat the Tigers whipped the Big Red on the loser's home court. Dale led MBA with 10 points.

Hillsboro 48—MBA 43. In a hot and heavy neighborhood battle the Burros outscored the Maroons by 5 points. Billy Hunter's 17 points paced the Maroons.

Lebanon 44—MBA 36. The night after the Hillsboro game the Maroons lost an inter-sectional battle with Lebanon in a defensive battle.

MBA 64—Ryan 53. The Purple Panthers went down in defeat a second time at the hands of

MBA, as Buddy Foxall poured in 18 points to cop scoring honors.

North 52—MBA 51. The Yanks edged the Big Red in a close one to get revenge for a previous plaster job.

West 54—MBA 42. The Big Red put up a terrific fight and led the Jays by five points in the third quarter, but succumbed after a real battle.

Lipscomb 45—MBA 38. Lipscomb held a narrow lead all the way to hand Maroons their third straight defeat. Billy Hunter led the MBA scoring with 12 points.

MBA 74—Howard 57. MBA topped 70 for the first time this season in their own gym. MBA swamped them in the last quarter. Foxall led MBA scoring with 24 points. The win over Howard was true revenge for the Maroons first defeat was at the hands of the steady Rebels.

MBA 69—T.P.S. 36. The Maroon victory over T.P.S. pushed to fourth place in the seedings, putting them in the same tournament bracket as West. Ed Creagh with 16 led scoring; Billy Hunter was second with 14.

JV Cagers Sport Winning Season

Considerable credit is due to the Maroon Junior Varsity who are having a winning season for the second year under Coach Hank Duvier. Center John Clay and forward Dick Husband are leading the JV in point totals with 215 and 175 chalked up to their credit. Clay is averaging 14.3 points a game and Husband 11.7. Probably their best game to date was the last outing against the West Blue Jays which the Maroons took 58-57. In previous West games the JV took two shellackings. T.P.S. took the greatest humiliation at the hands of the Junior Varsity, losing 63-26.

The record:

MBA	Opponents
58	Clarksville 61
63	T.P.S. 26
51	Howard 49
51	Cohn 48
35	Ryan 44
41	West 46
38	West 47
53	Lipscomb 45
51	North 52
54	Peabody 55
64	Cohn 43
43	Hillsboro 44
39	Ryan 47
55	North 40
58	West 57
Totals	583

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Microbes Have Winning Season

This year Mr. Albert Bachleda and Mr. Bob Landon, the coaches of the Microbe basketball team, have brought them through a winning season. The Microbes finished with a five-four record. Bill Shwab, Tony Todd, Walter Hale, Steve Ward, Chris Williams, Howard Dickinson, John Myhr, Ira Reese, Charlie Ransom, Bill Cheek, David Walker, Pat Wilson, and Wilson Wattenbarger are the boys who made up this fine team.

Their record of the '56-57 season is:

MBA	Opponent
21	Peabody 12
18	Parmer 28
37	Julia Green 18
31	Glendale 19
16	Hill 7
22	Robertson Academy 16
20	Burton 35
5	Stokes 41
19	Woodmont 32

An innovation in grade school basketball circles this year was the tournament held for private grade schools. This tournament was held on February 14, 15 at McQuiddy Gym at Lipscomb. The teams competing were MBA, BGA, Peabody, and David Lipscomb.

Maroon Frosh Squad Scores Victories

Under Coach Hank Duvier, the newly-inaugurated freshman basketball team has shown great promise having won 6 out of 12. The starting five with point averages are:

Mike Sheffey (8.3)
Milton Smith (7.1)
Russell Hart (5.6)
Mike Thompson (5.0)
Frank Cherry (4.2)

Bobby Frist sported a 6.6 point average for the first 5 games, but has missed action since January 3 because of a leg injury.

A record of the games through February 5 includes:

MBA	Opponents
44	Waverly Belmont 50
36	Hillsboro 25

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Enthusiastic Support of MBA Patrons Evident As Fund-Raising Campaign Continues

The banging of hammers, the pounding of drills, and the rumble of trucks have become familiar sounds around our campus over the past four months as construction on the new gym continues. Although visible progress has been slow, the major work of laying the foundations is completed; and walls will soon leap upward from these beginnings.

Not all the work on our expansion program will be the construction. Indeed, most of the true labor is being done in business offices throughout the city as our committeemen persuade, encourage, and collect the funds so necessary to all this progress. Chief of this behind-the-scenes work is Dr. Thomas Frist, Chairman of the committee. Dr. Frist, who along with Mr. John Sloan, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, has been one of the guiding lights in the expansion program. Their great interest and devotion to the school have proved invaluable in the fund-raising campaign. Recently, however, Dr. Frist has gained the valuable assistance of a new Co-Chairman—Mr. Robert Crichton.

Mr. Crichton, President of Super-Service Motor Freight Company, is assuming much of the work of the Building Fund Committee, not so much to relieve Dr. Frist as to match the efforts of our committee chairman. He has al-



Dr. Thomas Frist

ways been a friend of the school, and his services now are appreciated.

A recent employee of Mr. Crichton is the well-known and well-liked Bill Wade of MBA, Vanderbilt and Los Angeles Rams football fame. Bill will be associated not only with Super-Service but also with the MBA Building Fund Committee. His assistance to his employer will, therefore, be twofold as he will handle executive duties in the business and also



Mr. Robert Crichton

help Mr. Crichton directly in raising funds for the gym. They still have a great deal of work before them, even though \$190,000 has already been pledged toward the \$250,000 goal.

If the steel can be obtained on schedule, that is, if there are no railroad disasters, metal shortages, or labor troubles, the gym should be completed by June 15. Construction has been hampered by the bad weather, but we may look forward to a new gym by football practice this summer.

deluxe, man of mystery, and founder of Montgomery Bell Academy.

Early Tennessee Industrialist Gave School Name

"I hereby give to the University of Nashville \$20,000 for the education of male children in an academy or school to be called the Montgomery Bell Academy forever." Thus did Montgomery Bell Academy originate in the will of Montgomery Bell himself. Montgomery Bell was a man of mystery. His role in history has not been clarified due to the numerous legends that have sprung up concerning his life, but he seems to have been a great ironmaster who was involved in the origin of the world renowned Bessemer process of making steel. A native Pennsylvanian, Mr. Bell built several forges in Middle Tennessee and lived here most of his life, including a brief stay at "Ashlawn," now the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Stirton Oman.

Montgomery Bell was an extremely conscientious man. Although not born of wealthy parents, his burning desire to excel brought him his eventual wealth and fame. Like many other great men—Abraham Lincoln is the first to come to mind—Montgomery Bell turned an inauspicious beginning into a successful career. This contains a vital lesson for each and every one of us. It is easy to become a success in life if you are fortunate enough to be enhanced by favorable circumstances, but only the truly great can rise from a meager beginning to great heights.

At the former site of Mr. Bell's home overlooking the Narrows of the Harpeth, only a woodland glen remains. In the distance a tractor is plowing. Yellow dust floats across the plowed field. Across a fence, cows are lying in the shade of a hedgerow. In the vast river bottom there stands a lonely isle of trees, which shade the grave of Montgomery Bell—ironmaster

We Wonder If You Know That . . .

MBA was once a state school endowed with lands belonging to the state.

The personal signature of Sam Davis is inscribed in the same register we sign at the beginning of each school year.

George Washington was still President of the United States when Davidson Academy (now MBA) was established.

Three Presidents of the United States—Andrew Jackson, James K. Polk, and Andrew Johnson—were on the Board of Trustees.

At the age of 16, Montgomery Bell was the apprentice to a tanner and at the age of 85, he was a rich industrialist.

Montgomery Bell was a bachelor.

There were only 19 students in the high school and 25 in grammar school during the year of 1875-76.

During the late 1800's, there were three classes in high school; the senior class, the middle class, and the junior class.

MBA burned down in 1925.

Isaac Ball was headmaster of MBA for thirty years.

The cannons in front of the school came from Flagpole Hill in Centennial Park.

Mamie has been working at MBA for 36 years.

Our football field was named for General Frank M. Andrews, Air Force hero of World War II and MBA alumnus.

Dr. Sager is the ninth headmaster since the school took the name of Montgomery Bell Academy in 1867.

The original name of "The Bell Ringer" was "Montgomery Bell News."

The first annual of MBA came out in 1944 and its name was "The Maroon and White."

The Honor System was adopted at MBA in 1946.

The first debating team in MBA was formed in 1945.

MBA (or its predecessor) has been in operation for 151 years.

In 1925, MBA beat Castle Heights 103-0 in football.

The Key Club was formed in 1947.

MBA had a rifle team in 1949.

MBA had a summer school in 1945.

The Microbe football team was once named the "Cooties."

The lunch room used to be where Mrs. Bilzer's room is now and the kitchen was right below it. Mamie cooked the food downstairs and sent it up on a dumb-waiter.

Mamie and her husband, who worked here for seven years, lived on the campus at one time.

Several years ago there was a garden on the campus and much of the food used in the cafeteria was grown in this garden.

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